

FY 2009 Environmental Quality Incentive Program Proposal For the _____ Field Office*

(Please provide the following information in narrative format. This template may be edited only to provide additional space within each section. FOs which do not follow this format will have their proposals returned)

Introduction: Provide a short introduction, including the location of the field office in the state and general agricultural setting.

Local Work Group: Provide a short description of the Local Work Group, including the area represented, membership, meetings held, and any other significant information.

Priority Resource Concerns: Provide a list of priority resource concerns for each land use that the Local Work Group has recommended to be addressed in the FY 2009 EQIP program. Please do not confuse resource concerns with conservation practices.

Funding Considerations: Describe what approximate percent of the funds to be allocated to the FO will be applied to each land use where priority resource concerns will be addressed. Also describe any cost caps and land management practice incentive rates, e.g \$10/ac for IWM or \$25/ac. for Prescribed Grazing Management.

Cost Share Rate Factor : The cost-share rate factor for structural practices in the payment schedule is expected to be 75%. If your LWG recommends a lower rate and the DC concurs this recommendation needs to be included in your proposal and also provided to the AC.

Ranking Criteria: Submit your local issues/questions for each land use where priority resource concerns will be addressed. If there are no changes recommended (that is, you want to use the same issues and points as FY 2008), please make a statement to that effect.

Watershed Initiative: If the LWG recommends using a portion of their allocation to target resource concerns within a local watershed, and the DC concurs, please complete the attached proposal worksheet (see **attachment #4**)

Small Acreage Initiative:

A pool of funds will be available for those FO that recommend a small acreage initiative. This is to address limited income, small acreage producers who have difficulty competing against larger producers with multiple resource concerns and the ability to contract multiple practices. The 'smaller' farmers generally rank lower. The FO needs to recommend acreage and income limits. The LWG needs to be willing to commit some portion of the initial F.O. allocation in order to be considered for matching funds from the SO pool. (see **attachment #4**)

*The Field Office/LWG proposal, including ranking criteria worksheets, **must be submitted to the SO in electronic format.** It is recommended that you save this template to your hard disk, provide the necessary information, and then send it back to the SO as an email attachment. *Do not assume what was approved for FY 08 will automatically be included for FY 2009 unless you make a statement to that fact in the proposal. For example, if an incentive of \$10/ac for IWM was approved for FY 2008 it will not be considered/approved for FY 2009 unless specifically recommended in the proposal.*